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SUBJ: PANAMA CANAL: COSTA RICAN GRASS ROOTS SENTIMENT

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S AUGUST 26 VISIT TO LIBERIA, A TOWN OF 25,000 LOCATED IN NORTHWEST COSTA RICA, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE AT COUNCIL MEETING TO PASS PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED RESOLUTION RE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

2. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

"WE ARE AWARE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA AND PANAMA TO SIGN A NEW TREATY OVER THE PANAMA CANAL. THE SIGNING OF THIS NEW AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1977, FOR WHICH PURPOSE IT IS PROPOSED:

- 1) THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERIA GIVE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS BENEFICIAL POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA.
 - 2) REQUEST THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES TO RATIFY THE CANAL TREATY.
 - 3) REQUEST THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF COSTA RICA TO SUPPORT OUR CRITERIA AND TRANSMIT SUCH SUPPORT TO ITS END.
 - 4) INFORM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS TO URGE THE MINISTRY SO THAT ALL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF THE
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AMERICAS JOIN THIS PRONOUNCEMENT OF SOLIDARITY.
5) INFORM THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA OF THIS ACCORD.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE LIBERIA'S RELATIVE GEOGRAPHICAL ISOLATION, RESOLUTION IS INDICATIVE OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ATTITUDE IN LIBERIA IS TYPICAL OF OPINION IN RURAL

COSTA RICA AND THINKING OF LARGE CROSS SECTION OF LOCAL PUBLIC.
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